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RED-HOT RIVERSIDE

NOW'S the time to check out the Riverside Park Hotel and Leisure Club in Enniscorthy which was recently awarded its four stars. The hotel is nestled along the scenic banks of the Slaney, about 90 minutes from Dublin, and next month it has specials of two nights' B&B with one dinner and wine for €79pp.

Golden Years deals include three nights' B&B and two evening meals for €130. Tel 053 92 37800 or visit www.riversideparkhotel.com.

AMERICAN BEAUTY

ENJOY the best of both worlds with a six-night break to Las Vegas and New York with Sunway from €669.

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GOLDEN TRIP

INCREDIBLE India is doing a five-night whirlwind tour to the Golden Triangle for

only €960. Highlights include visits to the Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Agra Fort, the Palace Of Winds and the Raj Ghat. The price includes flights, four-star hotels, all entrance fees, chauffeur-driven car and an English-speaking guide. It's based on travel from November 1 to April 30, 2010. Call Incredible India on 0818 300 204 or visit www.incredibleindia.ie.

COOL CATS

SAVOUR Kilkenny kicks off next weekend to celebrate the city's culinary history, and Kilkenny Castle is running a medieval banquet on Sunday, October 25.

Stay at the Newpark Hotel for €149 pps plus breakfast, with the medieval banquet available for €80 per person. Phone 056 7760500 or log on to flynnhotels.com.

CAPE OF GOOD CRAIC

SUNWAY has a Cape Town and Cape Province special for November. Seven nights in the star Park Inn start at €1,158 or in the five-star Bay Hotel it's €1,658. Phone Sunway 01-2886828.

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STATE OF

Utah tops the list of US's naturally stunning spots

EVER dreamt of a road trip across the United States?

Chances are you have – and you were probably thinking of the stunning state of Utah without even knowing it.

This huge, rugged, beautiful slice of America is where so many road movies were filmed, including much of Thelma and Louise, where the gun-toting duo met their end.

And that's not to mention the countless westerns filmed in and around Monument Valley.

Utah is simply outdoor heaven and a place where it would be difficult to exaggerate the splendour of its wild, desert and mountainous scenery.

Utah has more of America's world famous national parks in its boundaries than any other state in the USA except Alaska.

Whereas some states have none at all, Utah has five. And they are all incredibly different.

I did a road trip around all five of them back in

By JIM GALLAGHER

2000 but was drawn back again this year for another "trip of a lifetime".

The great thing about driving holidays in Utah is that the roads are almost empty, once you leave the large interstate highways behind.

Landscape

Driving is a sheer pleasure in a landscape where huge expanses of desert and mountains are almost uninhabited.

Drive to the top of a hill and you might see five or six miles of straight road ahead with not a single vehicle on it.



Utah is nearly three times the size of Ireland but has only a population of 2.7 million – and 80 per cent of them live in the greater Salt Lake City urban area.

Travel from here in any direction and you will see pristine landscape, snow-capped mountains, cactus-covered desert and sparkling lakes that have remained virtually unchanged for thousands of years.

Utah is one of the Rocky Mountain states – those

fabulous peaks which run from Canada to Mexico – with an average altitude of over 6,000ft. The highest mountain is King's Peak, standing at 13,528ft.

The hip outdoor town of Moab is regarded as the world centre for mountain biking as the surrounding slick rock trails offer a terrain unavailable in most other countries.

We started our adventure by flying direct from Dublin to San Francisco with Aer Lingus. From here

SUNDAY WORLD

Here's your chance to **WIN** a two-night break to **Glasgow Prestwick**

Ryanair the World's favorite airline and the Woodland Bay Hotel in South Ayrshire in Scotland are giving lucky readers the chance to win a fantastic break for two people including flights from Dublin or Shannon to Glasgow Prestwick and two nights' accommodation B&B plus one evening meal.

Woodland Bay Hotel www.woodlandbayhotel.co.uk is situated two miles south of Girvan in South Ayrshire and a half hour train journey from Glasgow Prestwick Airport. Relax in a Superior Ocean View Room with complimentary wine and fresh fruit on arrival and enjoy the stunning ocean views and magnificent sunsets. This is a real foodies paradise as the hotel is located on a working farm www.woodlandfarm.co.uk. Enjoy the farms maze or chill out at a local spa, head to Cuzean Country Park in the heart of Robert Burns' Country or simply enjoy the fabulous beaches.

If this isn't enough, Turnberry Golf Course is 6 miles away and there are 30 other golf courses within an hour's drive including Old Prestwick and Royal Troon.

Ryanair operates flights to Glasgow Prestwick from Dublin, Shannon and Derry. For a full list of destinations and lowest fares please visit www.ryanair.com. Why not do some early Christmas shopping in the UK with Ryanair's lowest fares from Ireland to London Stansted, Bristol, Liverpool, Bournemouth and more. www.woodlandfarm.co.uk www.woodlandbayhotel.co.uk

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18+, €2.00 per entry incl VAT. Calls from mobiles cost more. Standard message rates may apply on SMS. Lines close midnight Tuesday 20th October 2009. Entries made after the close date will not count and you may be charged. SP Phonovation, PO Box 6, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin. Helpline: 0818217100

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